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Lowe, et al.

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PAPILLOMAVIRUS VIRUS-LIKE PARTICLES

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1415 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment/Comment, mailed March 21, 2005 for the above-referenced case. We note that the issue fee and response to the Examiner's comment is due by June 21, 2005.

The Examiner's Comment, appearing on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, states that a substitute oath or declaration must be submitted because the filing date listed on the declaration for PCT/US99/17931 should state August 10, 1999 rather than the listed date of August 14, 1999. In response thereto, Applicants have prepared and enclose herewith a signed, substitute declaration, as requested by the Examiner.

In accordance with the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following published references, cited by the European Patent Office in the equivalent European application:

Sun et al. Virology 213: 321-27 (1995)

Zhou et al. Journal of Virology 68: 619-25 (1994)

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Duggan-Keen et al. Frontiers in Bioscience 3: 1192-1208 (1998)

The information disclosure statement and references, transmitted herewith are being filed after a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, but concurrently with the payment of the issue fee.

The references and the information disclosure statement transmitted herewith are submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97 (i). Under § 1.97 (i), information disclosure statements, filed before the grant of a patent will be placed in the file, but will not be considered by the Office.

The Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the information provided above is material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h).

Applicants respectfully request that this information disclosure statement and corresponding references be placed in the file of the instant application.

It is believed that a fee is not due for this submission. However, if such a fee is due in connection with this submission, please charge deposit account 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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